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1. On 11 November there was a meeting of all Berlin Kreis secretaries of the SED in Berlin Headquarters, Behrenstrasse. [redacted]

2. The line laid down at this meeting was as follows. After the formation of the DDR the guiding principle is to win the race with West Germany. The DDR does not represent a conscious sealing off of East from West. It is only a protective measure against the influence of West German statism. It is unimportant whether a socialistic Germany arises from these efforts, the important thing is that Germany assume a sympathetic and loyal relationship to the Soviet bloc. Every German group which considers this goal more suitable than isolation from the East must be supported and furthered with all available means. This includes toleration of extreme rightist groups. That is immaterial vis-a-vis the prime essential of creating a pro-Soviet atmosphere throughout Germany. It is evident in the Russian Zone today that this tolerance has not required any sacrifice of SED goals, since friendship with the USSR naturally results in sympathy with its politics. Thus the bourgeois politicians of the Russian Zone today speak an idiom scarcely distinguishable from that of socialism, and it is merely a question of time before actual amalgamation can take place.

3. SED tactics in Berlin may be decisive for the entire political struggle, it was stated. The motto of "Return to Normal" has proved ineffective. The SPD keeps the Allies stirred up. The plan now is to win over Social Democrats, businessmen, and tradesmen bit by bit. Each individual citizen must be convinced. West Berlin, as such, must not be attacked in SED propaganda; on the contrary the impression must be created that the SED is ready to do anything to help West Berlin. No unnecessary reference is to be made to the presence of the Allies in Berlin.

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journalists are, however, unlikely to adapt themselves to the
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